

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

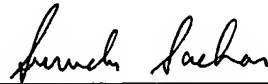
The present application is a continuation of co-pending parent U.S. application serial no. 10/189,260. The present new continuation application is submitted to further prosecute new method claims set forth as the original claims in the specification.

The specification is also amended to reflect the status of the present application as a continuation application. The Abstract is also amended to be more clearly directed to the claimed method.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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